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| For: <b>DISPLAY DEVICE FOR SPORTS<br/>MEMORABILIA</b> | ) |                       |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject application, please amend the specification and claims  
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In the Specification:

Page 1, line 5 insert before "the" -- and is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/248,702 filed on February 11, 1999, --

In the Claims:

Kindly add new claims 17-38 as follows:

--17. A display device comprising:

a base;

first and second arms extending from the base;

first and second retainers attached respectively to the first and the second arms;

wherein at least one of the retainers is flexible such that the sports memorabilia can be inserted therebetween and supported thereby; and

sports memorabilia supported between the first and the second retainers.--

--18. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the arms are flexible.--

--19. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the retainers are flexible.--

--20. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the retainers comprise flexible cups.--

--21. The display device of Claim 17 wherein the retainers comprise rigid cups.--

--22. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the retainers further comprise:

at least one component having a substantially flat surface in direct contact with the memorabilia.--

--23. The display device of Claim 22, wherein the component having the substantially flat surface is operatively connected to the retainer.--

- 24. The display device of Claim 22, wherein the retainers and the component having the substantially flat surface are independent components.--
- 25. The display device of Claim 24, wherein the retainer has at least one concave surface.--
- 26. The display device of Claim 25, wherein the concave surface operatively connects the component having the substantially flat surface to the retainer--
- 27. The display device of Claim 22, wherein the substantially flat surface in contact with the memorabilia is concave.--
- 28. The display device of Claim 21, wherein the cups are made of a low friction material.--
- 29. The display device of Claim 21, further comprising low friction liners positioned within the cups.--
- 30. The display device of Claim 21, wherein the cups are rotatably secured to the arms.--
- 31. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the retainers each comprise a rigid ring.--
- 32. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the retainers each comprise a prong.--
- 33. The display device of Claim 17, further comprising an arm assembly including the first and the second arms, wherein the arm assembly is rotatably secured to the base.--
- 34. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the arms are secured to a support rotatably mounted to the base.--
- 35. The display device of Claim 17, wherein the base is adapted to be hung on a wall.--

--36. A display device for holding sports memorabilia comprising:

a base;

a rigid arm assembly extending from the base and including first and second arms having spaced apart distal ends; and

first and second flexible cups attached respectively to the first and the second arms such that the cups face one another, wherein the flexible cups can be pressed against the arms to receive sports memorabilia between the cups and then released to hold the memorabilia therebetween.--

--37. The display device of Claim 36, wherein the base is adapted to be hung on a wall.--

--38. The display device of Claim 36, wherein the arm assembly includes a third arm between the first and the second arms providing additional support for the memorabilia.--

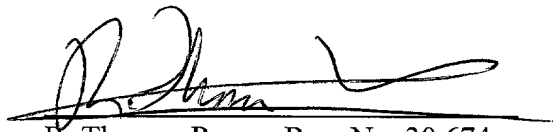
#### REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, applicant has added new claims 17-38. Early and favorable examination of claims 1-38 is respectfully requested.

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